

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A connector according to claim 4 15 wherein said housing includes an opening in the wall thereof for permitting the position of said retainer to be verified from the exterior of said housing.
3. (Currently Amended) A connector according to claim 4 15 wherein said retainer is visible from said end during movement between said first and second positions.
4. (Original) A connector according to claim 2 wherein said retainer is visible from said end during movement between said first and second positions.
- 5-8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) A connector according to claim 4 15, further including a hood surrounding said housing at a distance and defining an annular chamber, said chamber having an annular seal therein for sealing engagement with a tubular projection of a mating connector.
10. (Original) A connector according to claim 9 wherein said hood is attached to the exterior of said housing.

11. (Currently Amended) A connector according to claim 9, wherein said retainer is being between said seal and said end.

12. (Currently Amended) A connector according to claim 10, wherein said retainer is being between said seal and said end.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) An electrical connector comprising:

a housing comprising a wall and having a plurality of parallel terminal insertion cavities formed therein, each of said terminal insertion cavities being adapted to receive a respective electrical terminal therein, said housing including:

an end adapted to receive a mating connector,

a retainer cavity comprising first and second ends located within said housing, said retainer cavity extending transversely with respect to said plurality of terminal insertion cavities and intersecting said plurality of terminal insertion cavities, and

a retainer movably disposed in said retainer cavity for movement transverse to said plurality of terminal insertion cavities between a first retaining position that permits each electrical terminal to move within the respective ones of said terminal insertion cavities in which the electrical terminals have been received, and a second retaining position in which said retainer

substantially prevents each electrical terminal from moving within the respective ones of said terminal insertion cavities in which the electrical terminals have been received, wherein said retainer is wholly located within said housing when in the first and second retaining positions, and said retainer includes a protruding portion accessible from an exterior of said housing by which said retainer is movable between said first and second retaining positions.

16. (New) A connector assembly according to claim 15 wherein said retainer includes a resilient member, and said protruding portion forms a portion of said resilient member.

17. (New) A connector assembly according to claim 15 wherein said end includes a face having an opening, and said protruding portion is accessible through said opening.

18. (New) A connector assembly according to claim 17 wherein a position of said retainer is visually determinable through said opening.

19. (New) An electrical connector comprising:

a housing having a plurality of parallel terminal insertion cavities formed therein, each of said terminal insertion cavities being adapted to receive a respective electrical terminal therein, said housing including:

an end having a face including an opening, said face being adapted to receive a mating connector,

a retainer cavity located within said housing, said retainer cavity extending transversely with respect to said plurality of terminal insertion cavities and intersecting said plurality of terminal insertion cavities, and

a retainer movably disposed in said retainer cavity for movement transverse to said plurality of terminal insertion cavities between a first retaining position that permits each respective electrical terminal to move within the respective ones of said terminal insertion cavities in which the electrical terminals have been received, and a second retaining position in which said retainer substantially prevents each respective electrical terminal from moving within the respective ones of said terminal insertion cavities in which the electrical terminals have been received, said retainer being wholly received in said retainer cavity in both the first and second retaining positions, and including a protruding portion accessible from an exterior of said housing through said opening in said face by which said retainer is movable between said first and second retaining positions.

20. (New) A connector assembly according to claim 19 wherein said retainer includes a resilient member, and said protruding portion forms a portion of said resilient member.